

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1960 without my signature.

I share the author's concerns with the rising cost of prescription drugs and generally, her interest in disclosure of information to consumers. However, this measure would have the unintended consequence of increasing drug costs to health plans, the Medi-Cal Program and other purchasers, without providing any real consumer benefit. Studies, including one from the Federal Trade Commission, have shown that enactment of this legislation will limit competition and significantly increase the cost of prescription drugs.

For the reasons stated above I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger